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January 28, 1985

Ms. Janet Feldstein, Environmental Engineer  
Chief, Site Investigation and Compliance Branch  
U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency  
Region II  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10278


Dear Ms. Feldstein:

We are submitting the information required by you regarding Duane Marine Salvage Corp., Perth Amboy, New Jersey Request for Information Under 42 U.S.C. Section 9604 (e) (1) and 42 U.S.C. Section 6927.

If there are any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

VORNADO PROPERTIES



Richard T. Rowan  
Vice President

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Attention Janet Feldstein, Environmental Engineer

RE: Duane Marine Salvage Corp.

Dear Ms. Feldstein:

This letter is in response to the Request for Information that was issued by your office to Vornado, Inc., on January 8, 1985 pursuant to Section 104 (e) (1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604 (e) (1), and Section 3007 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6927. The information provided in this letter represents Vornado's best efforts to comply with that Request within the very limited period of time allowed; by providing this information, however, Vornado does not waive any rights it may have to contest EPA's authority to seek, obtain or use such information in any manner in any proceeding, formal or informal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Vornado, Inc., is a corporation the primary business of which was until a few years ago the operation of several discount retail stores known as "Two Guys." During the late 1970's, Vornado employed nearly 10,000 people in two divisions: the Operations Division, which operated and maintained the many retail stores it owned, and the Real Estate Division, which engaged in the acquisition, sale and leasing of premises and property required for use by the Operations Division. By far, the majority of Vornado's employees and activities were associated with the former. At no time did either division manufacturer, use or process hazardous or toxic substances or generate hazardous or toxic wastes of any kind in an industrial capacity. The only substances used or wastes generated that by today's standards might be considered hazardous would be small quantities of cleansers, lubricating oils, waxes and the like for purposes of general "household" maintenance and possibly used motor oils.

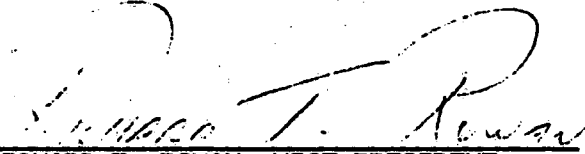
Vornado, having discontinued its retail operations early in 1982 now consists of drastically reduced staff that is engaged solely in the sale and leasing of the properties it had acquired over the years. Of the remaining fifty employees, only one was formerly with the Operations Division. Neither that person nor those former employees who were questioned for the purpose of attempting to respond to your agency's Request were able to provide any information regarding Duane Marine Salvage Corporation. All records of the huge former Operations Division are warehoused en masse; a preliminary search has yielded none that in any way refer to Duane Marine Salvage Corp. All wastes produced by the former Operations Division in the 1970's, including the cleaners, lubricating motor oils, waxes and the like that were referred to above, were handled as refuse; consequently, documentation of their transfer off-site and disposal was not informative and was not maintained separately from the thousands and thousands of other records reflecting vendor transactions.

#### RESPONSES TO INFORMATION REQUESTED

1. Vornado has no present knowledge of any chemical, hazardous substances or wastes that were handled by Duane Marine Salvage Corporation.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. Vornado has no present knowledge of any lease, contract or other written agreement entered into with Duane Marine Salvage Corporation. Vornado is not aware of any transportation, treatment or disposal of hazardous substances or wastes to or at Duane Marine Salvage Corporation.
6. Vornado is not aware of any other person, as defined, who may have transported or disposed of hazardous substances or waste at Duane Marine Salvage Corporation.

CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I certify that the foregoing answers to the EPA Request for Information are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my information and belief and that any documents submitted herewith are true, complete, and authentic to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
RICHARD T. ROWAN, VICE PRESIDENT

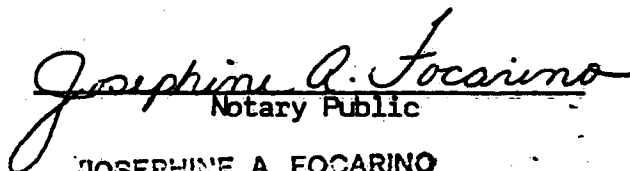
  
RICHARD T. ROWAN, VICE PRESIDENT

STATE OF *New Jersey* )  
COUNTY OF *Bergen* ) ss.:

On this 28th day of January, 1985, before me personally came to me Richard T. Rowan known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides at 9 Rennes Street, Pine Brook, NJ, that he is the Vice President of Vornado, Inc., the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation, that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal, that it was so affixed by order of the board of directors of said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Notarial Seal)

  
Notary Public

JOSEPHINE A. FOCARINO  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY  
My Commission Expires Oct. 25, 1989